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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Thompson DATE TYPED: 1/28/03 HB 18

SHORT TITLE: County Canvassing Observers SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Chavez

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State (SOS)  
LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 18 creates a new section of the Election Code (Chapter 1 NMSA 1978) allowing one member of each major political party to be “observers” during the canvassing of election returns.

#### Significant Issues

The board of county commissioners is ex officio the county canvassing board in each county. Since the meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are public it is unclear why this proposed legislation is necessary. At the present time any member of the public may be present during the canvassing of election returns.

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